



Sunday, 7th April, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B



Parish Priest: Rev Fr Ian McGinnity
Deacon: John Collins
Parish Secretary: Frances Gallagher
Parish Office Hours: Mon - Fri: 9am - 3pm

School Principal: Tony Hughes
School Phone: 8846 2700
School Web Site:
www.ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au
Baptisms: Every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 11:15am
Weddings: By Appointment
Reconciliation: Saturdays 9:30am
Children's Liturgy: The 1st & 3rd Sundays during 10am Mass (excluding school holidays)
Good Neighbours Group: Mary MacKillop Hall every 1st & 3rd Friday at 10:00am

PARISH SERVICES

Sunday Masses:

Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 8:00am
Sunday 10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday 9:00am
Thursday 9:00am
Friday 9:15am
Saturday 9:00am

Parish Address:

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IN YOUR MERCY, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED

THE SICK: Sr Catherine Maddock, Bishop Peter Ingham, Raphael Satyo, George Vumbaca, Natalie De Maria, Mark Cheeseman, Bev Johnson; Warren Johnson, Lilian Davidson, Anthony Sullivan, Edna Esmero, Margaret Merritt, Marija Barclay, Margaret McCaffrey, Barbara Heaton, Ken Sunderland, Pat McAppion, Helene Graham, Ace Sortisas, Tina Coorey, Mimi Jayatilaka, Oliver Ofiana, Sue Ferguson. Abraham Concepcion, Delia Hipolito, Michael Gordon.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Norma Williams (mother of Fr Peter Williams).

ANNIVERSARIES:

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider the presence of the Risen Lord. Where is he found? Each of the readings offers an answer to this question. The Risen Christ is found in the community of believers who follow the example of Jesus. Even non-believers recognised something marvellously different about the Christian community, and they exclaimed: These Christians, see how they love one another.

The Risen Christ is found in those who accept the truth of the resurrection on the word of others. The word of God preached by others has often brought us out of darkness into light, from the stranglehold of death to the birth of new life. The preaching of the disciples has been not only instructive, it has also been transformative.

The Risen Christ is found in the forgiveness of sin. Jesus made the frightened disciples ministers of divine forgiveness. The Spirit reconciles sinners with God and, thereby, with the rest of the believing community. Forgiveness is a tangible sign of Christ's mystical presence.

The Risen Christ is found in the physical manifestation of Christ's own wounds, the wounds that he offered to be touched. Since the community is the body of Christ, we touch the wounds of Christ when we touch the wounds of the community, when we go out to the sick and infirm, the dispossessed and the violated. As shocking as these wounds may appear, they are really glorious, because the Risen Lord has identified with them and has made them his own.

DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS THIS WEEKEND



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2024

The Sacrament of First Eucharist (Yr 4 and above) on 1 & 2 June.
The Sacrament of Confirmation (Yr 5 and above) on 18 September.
The Sacrament of First Reconciliation (Yr 3 and above) on 10 & 11 December.

MISSION STATEMENT

Centred on the Gospel of Jesus, Christ the King Church is a warm, welcoming community of faith. We continue to strive to be open and to embrace diversity, as we love and grow in relationship to God and in service to one another.

This Week's Readings: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31
 Next Week's Readings: Acts 3:13-15,17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: www.universalis.com

TO OUR MINISTERS OF THE PARISH

Should you be rostered and not be able to attend your rostered Mass, please email the parish office:

northrocks@parracatholic.org or ph 9871 8710, or indicate on the roster through Ministry Scheduling that a volunteer is required. A replacement can then be organised on your behalf.

Thank you for your ongoing participation in these important ministries.

6th & 7th April - Second Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 6.30pm	Julie Hook	Phil Trainor	John DeCourcy Kerry Saad	Miriam Chacty	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Ken Coorey	Tony Hughes Caroline Thurairatnam	Volunteer needed	Christine Kinsella
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	James Ryan	Marea Mooney

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Erica Rheinberger, Terri Hirschhorn, Erin Wynne

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Ken Coorey, Anne-Marie Makin, Jim Kinsella

COUNTER GROUP 2: Ron Ruskin, Keith Henson, John Lenehan, John Coakley

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 7: Ada Cheung

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Carole Frare & Sue Hales, 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Marea Mooney

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 2: Louise Howitt, Paul Cook, Frances Gallagher

13th & 14th April - Third Sunday of Easter

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	George Germanos	Peter Hrast	Liza Jilesh John DeCourcy	Ruth Jilesh	Minister needed
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Julie Elliott Danielle Dona	Jo-Anne Castaneda	Lorraine Murphy
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Mariana Tomasovic	Dawn Peat Sarah Cook	Tiana Fernandes	Fadia Sleiman

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: School holidays - No Children's Liturgy

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, Barbara Craft, Anne-Marie Makin

COUNTER GROUP: 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8: Barbara Haddad & Lou Howitt

PIETY GROUP: Vigil: Julie Hook, 8.00am Volunteer needed; 10.00am: Sarah Cook

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 3: Clarry Barbera, Chris & Beverley Poole, Ken Coorey

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations. For those who have taken Project Compassion boxes and envelopes, now is the time to return them. Leave them in the sacristy, put them in the collection bag or drop them into the parish office over the next few weeks. Again, thank you for your very generous support of Project Compassion.



THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY

The initial meeting (**for parents only**, children are not required at this meeting) to explain the first Eucharist sacramental program 2024 and registration process for your children will be held this Wednesday, 10 April beginning at 7:30pm in MacKillop Parish Hall (not in the Church). If you wish to come earlier, cake and coffee (tea) will be available from 7:15pm. Children who have made their First Reconciliation and are in Year four or above are eligible to participate in this program. It is critical that you attend this meeting to obtain the necessary information and requirements for the program. We look forward to seeing you this Wednesday at this important time in your children's faith journey and initiation into the Church community here at Christ the King, North Rocks.

CHRIST THE KING PRIMARY SCHOOL JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Our school is celebrating 50 years in its current location. Why not organise a table of past and present families and friends. Held at the Epping Club on Saturday 29th June, for \$99 you get a three course meal and a five hour drinks package. Tables are of 10-12 attendees. If you have a table group in mind, you can email it directly to ewynne@parra.catholic.edu.au. Alternatively, we can place you on a table as the event gets closer. We kindly ask that you secure your seat and make payment for this event as soon as possible. Payment can be made via the Qkr app or through the school office. Please pass this onto any ex Christ the King families you are still in touch with. To attend this event please click [RSVP for Jubilee Dinner](#) or use the QR code.



SUNDAY SESSION APRIL 14, 7.00 TO 8.30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

The Resurrection of the Son of God

Our evening together will investigate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from a variety of perspectives. Issues addressed will include an overview of Paul's understanding of the resurrection, an exploration of the four different accounts as presented in the gospels, and the meaning and significance of the Resurrection for us today, in our life situation. The evening is to be presented by Deacon John Collins. All are welcome. Gold Coin Donation to cover the cost of coffee and biscuits. Any question contact Deacon John on john.collins@parracatholic.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

An amount of \$2434.00, which was collected on Good Friday for the Holy Land Appeal, has been sent to the Holy Land Commissariat on behalf of Christ the King Parish. Thank you for your very generous response to this appeal.

GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Spread the word! The Good Neighbour Group has started up again. The next session is Friday, 19th April in the parish hall at 10.00am. Good company, tai chi, bingo and lunch all for \$5. Hope to see you there.

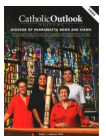
GIVE TO JRS FOODBANK

Right now, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia is supporting close to 200 families a week, and the demand for help keeps growing. The families they serve are not eligible for Centrelink or Medicare and many don't have work or study rights. With the rising cost of living, many are struggling to have enough food and essential items to meet their family's weekly needs. Any and all support would be greatly appreciated. To help keep everyone fed, we are asking parishioners to donate one item a week:

- *Basmati rice;
- *Cooking or olive oil;
- *Long life milk;
- *Dishwashing detergent;
- *Laundry detergent;
- *Dried red lentils.

EASTER - AUTUMN 2024 CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE OUT NOW!

The Easter - Autumn 2024 edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is out now! This edition invites us to practice silence, deepen our interior lives and pray for a Gospel change of heart, how our communities celebrate Easter and more. Pick up your free copy today.



FaithLIFE THEOLOGY COURSE



Considering learning about theology? Wanting to expand your language for expressing your faith? Seeking ways to deepen the way you put your faith into practice? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Theology short course with Dr John Collins on Tuesdays 16, 23 & 30 April. Registration and more dates and details via QR or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org.

AT THE WELL

A podcast inspired by the [At the Well](#) gatherings, Co-hosted by Joy Adan, Eleanor Bonwick and Qwayne Guevara. Each conversation is here to encourage, equip and empower Catholic women to recognise our identity in God and live our call to holiness. [At the Well](#)

SOUL FOOD PODCAST

The Soul Food Podcast, produced by the Mission Enhancement Team in the Diocese of Parramatta, features life-giving conversations and stories that nourish the soul! You know those meals you never want to end because it was such a good feed? That's the feeling people's stories give us. [Soul Food Podcast](#)

YOUTH MASS 'ROUND THE DIOCESE: 21 APRIL

Looking for some young adults to worship with? Hunting for an excuse to catch up with Jesus and friends? Wondering what goes on around our Diocese? Mass 'Round the Diocese is just that! Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The next Mass will be at The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton, on Sunday 21 April for 6pm Mass. For more information, please contact Sr Christine Ramada CSFN on csfn.cristina@gmail.com.

SYNOD 2023 UPDATE: DECREE ISSUED AND DEVELOPMENT OF DIOCESAN PLAN BEGINS

In January, the Synodal Decree from our inaugural Diocesan Synod was issued, enabling us to move forward in the development of a Diocesan Plan. Join us in the next phase of our journey, as we discern a new path forward for our local Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. The Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church will launch at the Diocesan Gathering on Saturday 10 August. Learn more at parracatholic.org/synod.

TAP TO GIVE

Our Parish has a Tap to Give device to make it easier for our faith family to give an offertory gift to help sustain our liturgical, sacramental, pastoral and charitable ministries.

Our Tap to Give device, located in the Church Foyer, enables us as a Parish to accept cashless donations which are automatically deposited into our bank. Our Tap to Give device has been pre-set with a gift amount of \$10.

CREDIT CARD AND DIRECT DEBIT CHANGES

Please inform the Parish Office on 9871 8710 or send an email to northrocks@parracatholic.org of any changes to your credit card number/expiry date or direct debit account.

Parishioners who wish to make a donation to the parish, can access the facility on the front page of the Parish website by clicking "Donate Now" on the top right-hand side of the page or donating directly to <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/ChristTheKingParishNorthRocks> via Credit Card. Should you wish to make a donation via direct debit, please use the following details:

BSB: 067-950

Account Number: 00000479

Account Name: North Rocks Catholic Church

FIRST COLLECTION:

If you would like to contribute towards the support of the priests, please use the following details:

BSB 067-950 Account No. 00004265

Account Name: Parramatta Diocesan Clergy

Reference Number: 6027

Thank you to everyone in the continual support of the parish and the clergy of the Diocese of Parramatta.

EMAIL ADDRESS

If you have changed your email address or now have an email address, could you please notify the Parish Office northrocks@parracatholic.org as soon as possible. Thank you.

BEQUESTS (Please contact the Parish Office for further information)

Many of us have a special connection to our parish, nurtured by years of faith-sharing, schooling, friendships and support. A bequest to your parish, no matter how small, will help the faith community which has meant so much to you to continue its good works and its loving outreach. It is also a means by which you can plan a lasting gift for your parish which might not be possible in your lifetime. In receiving a bequest, a parish may be able to use the gift to attend to much needed maintenance and improvements to the church and other parish property.